

Readings and Music for

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

Processional

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

H76 v.1&3

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like
the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

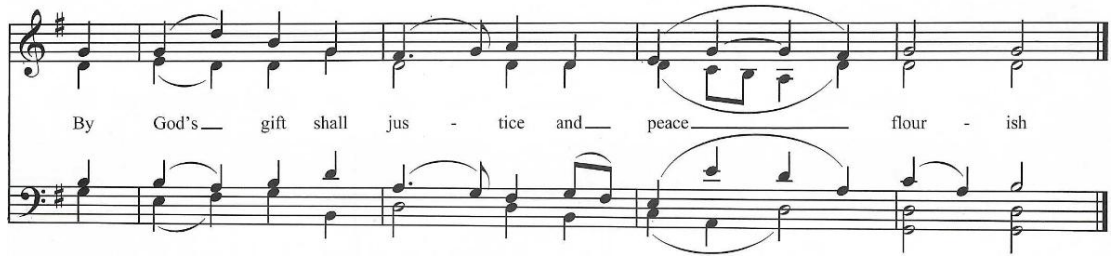
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness. [ANT.]
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another. [ANT.]
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth. [ANT.]
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen. [ANT.]

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. ELCA

Advent I: Verses 1&2

Advent III: Verses 5&6

Advent II: Verses 3&4

Advent IV: Verses 7&8



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all thing
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Hunter Farrow

Offertory Anthem

“The Glory of the Father”

by Howland

Communion

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

WLP795

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different voice part. The first line of lyrics is for the Soprano part, the second for the Alto part, the third for the Tenor part, and the fourth for the Bass part. The music is written on four staves, with the Soprano staff at the top and the Bass staff at the bottom. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staff.

Recessional

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

H59

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
<i>12/8</i>	<i>Daycare Board</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>12/10</i>	<i>Cookie Exchange</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

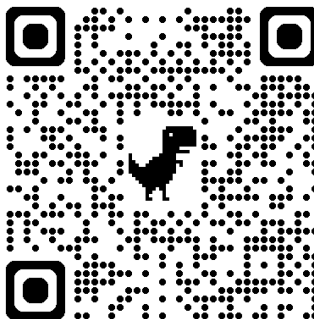
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Daycare Board Meeting** – The final daycare board meeting of the year is tomorrow evening at 7PM at the church in the chapel downstairs.
- **Annual Cookie Exchange** – It's that wonderful time of year again; time to gather, laugh, and share sweet treats with even sweeter friends. Please join us for our Annual Cookie Exchange Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm in Leach Hall for some games, prizes and holiday fun!! Bring a favorite appetizer/snack to share (must be nut-free). If you'd like to join the cookie exchange, bring 5 dozen cookies along with an empty container so you can take home a delicious variety from everyone's kitchens. (The cookies CAN have nuts). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We look forward to another festive and fun evening!

- **Greening of the Church** – Stick around after service next week to help with the greening of the church! Many hands make light work, and there will be refreshments afterward.
- **Christmas Open House at the Rectory** – Hunter and Elizabeth invite you to stop in the rectory on December 20th between 6:30PM and 9:30PM. There will be appetizers, desserts, and drinks. Feel free to stop in for a few minutes or come for the whole time. If you would like, you are welcome to bring an appetizer, dessert, or drink to share. This is an over 21 event. As a side note, please be aware that Hunter and Elizabeth recently adopted a new dog, who is very energetic and playful. They will be working on her manners in preparation for the open house.
- **CYMC Giving Tree** – The Children's and Youth Ministry Committee has set up their annual giving tree in the back of the sanctuary by the baptismal font. During Advent and right on through Christmas, we will be collecting new unwrapped hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and warm socks. This year, we will also be collecting grocery gift cards (\$20) for Beds Plus, who will distribute them to their clients. As always, thank you for your generous support.
- **CYMC Pageant and Coffee Hour** – Please join us on Sunday, December 21, after the service, for a special holiday coffee hour, sponsored by the Children and Youth Ministry Committee. That same day, our church school students will share a special Christmas presentation with us during the service.

- **Beds Plus** – Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.
- **Construction Update** – We finally received a rough timeline from our project manager for the rest of the rebuild of the damaged classroom. The next step is getting the building inspector out to approve the work that has already been completed. After that, they can proceed with the finish work. Under normal circumstances, this would be about three weeks of work; however, they can basically only work on Saturdays because of the DCFS rules against them working while the daycare is in session. That being the case, we are looking at approximately four more months of work. We will update you as we learn more. While this is slow going, it is encouraging to see progress.

Online Giving:



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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

Priest's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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